

## Abstract of the disclosure

An optical cable has a reduced slicing loss and superior characteristics in the efficiency of the installation work thereof, and is therefore suitable for installation on land. First and second optical fibers have been connected  
5 together by fusion splicing to form joints thereby providing an optical fiber line. Each first optical fiber has a positive chromatic dispersion at a signal light wavelength while each second optical fiber has a negative chromatic dispersion at the same wavelength. The first and the second optical fibers, including the joints, are accommodated in the optical cable.